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RAJYA SABHA

Inquiry regarding implementation of NREGP

1000. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme, being run in the country, has gone ashtray;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that labourers could get about 40 days of work instead of 100 days of guaranteed employment;

(d) if so, whether Government have conducted any inquiry in this regard;

(e) if so, the results thereof;

(f) whether the laudable features of the programme, such as provision of drinking water, sheds for children of the labourers and first aid, are nowhere in sight; and

(g) if so, the steps Government have taken to address the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, efforts are on to strengthen the processes under NREGA.

(c) Employment is to be provided based on demand upto 100 days. Employment availed varies from household to household.

(d) and (e) Do not arise

(f) No, Sir.

(g) Does not arise. However, there are clear instructions to provide worksite facilities as per provisions of Act and the expenditure is chargeable to administrative cost of the programme.

Higher BPL population in NE region

1001. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for which the population of BPL is higher than the